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Herewith some themes and phrases
for a Presidential statement to the nation.

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It appears that we have weathered one of the great crises -- perhaps the greatest -- of the postwar.

The offensive weapons will now be removed from Cuba; their removal will be verified by international inspection. I have repeated our assurance, often given, that we would not invade Cuba if it did not engage in direct or indirect aggression and it honored its international agreements. Within the framework of our Hemispheric commitments, the OAS has joined in this assurance.

We have faced this crisis as a united people, confident that its full strength was mobilized behind what was morally and legally right.

Our alliances have never stood firmer in the shadow of the nuclear threat. It is now clear that free men will behave collectively as they would individually in the face of mortal danger.

There is an even greater lesson. It is time for us all to make a supreme effort to lift the threat of war from mankind.

The ultimate lesson of this crisis is that those who bear responsibility for their citizens must now, as never before, move towards a true peace.